IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: AUF DER HEIDE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1782

Application No.: 10/570,930

Examiner: M. L. Jacobson

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SMOKE-PERMEABLE POLYAMIDE BASED FOOD CASING

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Charlotte, North Carolina December 21, 2011

Dear Sir:

For:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2011, please enter the following amendment and consider the remarks which follow in the above-identified application. In addition, Applicants submit herewith a Petition for 1-month Extension of Time with credit card form extending the due date to December 26, 2011.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.